(b) whether the Central Government had discussed the issue with the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether Government had any objection to the presentation of the reports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO); (a)and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) There is no restriction on the State Government or on the Legislative Assembly of J&K to consider and discuss the issue.

Central rehabilitation programme for surrendered Rebels of NE

*47. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the Central Rehabilitation Programme for the surrendered rebels of the North-Eastern States launched in April, 1998;

(b) the amount spent by the Central Government on the Rehabilitation Programme so far and the number of rebels trained; and

(c) the number of those provided with jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per latest information available, 2100 militants have surrendered under this scheme.

(b) The Central -Government has so far spent Rs. 1.50 crores under this scheme. 437 surrendered militants have been trained/undergoing training under this scheme.

(c) Eligible surrendered militants are encouraged to apply for jobs in the State Police/Central Para Military Forces.

Release of persons detained under TADA in Punjab

*48. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: